

CONTINUED MEETING DUBOIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DECEMBER 17, 2018

The continued monthly meeting of the Dubois County Commissioners was held in the Commissioners/Council Room of the Courthouse Annex in Jasper, Indiana, beginning at 8:30 a.m. (EST) on December 17, 2018. Present were Commissioners Nick Hostetter, Chad A. Blessinger and Elmer Brames. Also present were County Auditor Kathleen M. Hopf, County Surveyor Ken Brosmer, Highway Supervisor Steven L. Berg, Highway Engineer Brent Wendholt, and County Attorney Arthur C. Nordhoff, Jr. A quorum was declared present and the meeting was opened for business by President Hostetter. Minutes of the December 3, 2018, meeting of the Commissioners were approved as presented. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners approved the Claims and Allowance Docket and the Payroll Docket.

RE: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – HAZMAT EXERCISE

Emergency Management Director Tammy Humbert introduced Pat Todd, who made a presentation concerning the Hazmat Exercise conducted on October 6, 2018 at the Farbest plant in Huntingburg. Many area emergency management personnel were involved in the exercise.

RE: SECURITY CENTER CHLLER SYSTEM

The Auditor reported that three proposals had been received for the chiller replacement at the Security Center. The lowest of the three proposals is that of Messmer Mechanical for \$116,050. On motion made and seconded, the Messmer Mechanical proposal was accepted.

RE: REQUEST FOR VACATION BENEFITS

The Commissioners discussed a request made for reinstated vacation benefits at the December 3, 2018 meeting by former employee Mary Lueken, who is returning to County employment. Based upon review of County Policy Manual, it was the unanimous opinion of the Commissioners that the forfeited benefits should not be reinstated.

RE: CAPITAL PLANNING

The Commissioners discussed the procedure to be followed for future capital planning for County projects. A question was raised as to whether the same entity should consider only the Security Center or all future County projects. Three firms were considered for this purpose. It was agreed that each of the three firms should be invited to present to Commissioners their views on future capital projects.

RE: AMBULANCE CONTRACT

Commissioner Blessinger described a meeting with representatives of Memorial Hospital and insurance carriers for the County and Memorial Hospital regarding the current ambulance contract. Blessinger presented his concerns regarding the current contract and stated that a revised agreement should be ready by mid-February.

RE: PILT CLASS ACTION

Commissioner Blessinger discussed a class action lawsuit filed by 1253 entities regarding reimbursement of tax funds previously collected. The County was a party to the suit. The County will receive slightly less than \$1,000 in funds from those proceedings.

RE: MID-STATES CORRIDOR PLAN

Commissioner Brames reported on the current time schedule for planning for the Mid-State project.

RE: 9-1-1 NEW DIRECTOR

Scott Uebelhor appeared to report that the hiring committee of 9-1-1 met and interviewed applicants for the position as successor Director of 9-1-1, and Jeana Mathies is recommended for that position. On motion made and seconded, the recommendation was accepted, to take effect March 29, 2019 and training to begin February 1, 2019. The next round of interviews will be for the position of assistant Director, the position currently held by Mathies.

RE: 2019 COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS

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The Commissioners reviewed the list of all Commissioner appointments beginning January 1, 2019 and discussed re-appointments as well as new appointments to the extent currently known.

RE: TOBACCO POLICY ORDINANCE 2018-04

The Commissioners discussed the proposed tobacco ordinance. Question was presented as to cross reference between the ordinance and the County Personnel Policies and Handbook. It was agreed that revision should be made in the Handbook to allow Department Heads to enforce violations of the ordinance by County employees. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners accepted the Ordinance and directed that the County Personnel Policies and Handbook be amended to include smoking provisions as applicable to County employees.

See Exhibit A

RE: JAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Commissioners updated the progress made in conducting a jail feasibility study by RQAW.

RE: HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Highway Supervisor Berg submitted the following report of current Department projects:

Road Marker Purchase – Quotes were received for Phase 2, Round 8, with Michael Todd having low quote of \$8,160.55. Road advisory signs had a low quote of \$8,930.80 by Hall Signs. On motion made and seconded, the low quote for each purchase was approved and purchase authorized.

Sanitation Site Holiday Hours – Reminded the public of holiday hours for December 24, 2018 and December 31, 2018. All sites closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Truck 210 – Hauling rock on December 5th when a steering tire blew. The damaged truck is at Ruxer's Ford for repair and Department will be without a plow truck until repaired.

Department Building Repair – some storage buildings at the garage need repair for safety and should be considered in future funding.

Railroad Crossing on 600W – Discussion was held with INDOT representative concerning addition of cross arms with question as to how much the County would be willing to contribute. Further discussion in 2019.

Water Covered Roads – The Supervisor discussed prohibited use of flooded roads and the cost of removal of vehicles whether paid by County or vehicle operator. Signs posted by the Highway Department are being ignored by vehicle operators often resulting in rescue operations. Law enforcement will be requested to issue citations for drivers using closed flooded roads.

RE: FREEZE AND THAW ORDINANCE 2018-05

On motion duly made and seconded, the Commissioners adopted the following Freeze and Thaw Ordinance 2018-05 for 2019, regarding 10-ton weight limits on designated roads, as follows:

See Exhibit B

RE: HIGHWAY ENGINEER'S REPORT

Highway Engineer Wendholt submitted his report of current engineering projects as follows:

School Bus Stop Sign – Property owner has requested a bus turn around sign. Northeast Dubois School Corporation is discussing the request.

Huntingburg Conservation Club – No report to date, will check with Club President.

Railroad Overpass – Two invoices submitted for DLZ billings for services being \$1,525.85 and \$59.13. On motion made and seconded, invoices approved, and payment ordered.

Holland Road East Guardrail – Installation of guardrail has been requested as there is deep road side ditch. Department must review more information prior to making recommendation.

2019 Community Crossing Grant - Reapplications are due February 1, 2019. Plan to submit four projects in the total amount of \$1,251,835.13 with County portion being \$312,958.78. On motion duly made and seconded, the

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Commissioners authorized the Commissioner President to execute and submit the application and agree to pay the County share.

RE: GIS AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Due to flood conditions, the 2018 State flyover for GIS aerial photography was delayed. Approval for subsequent flyover was, on motion made and seconded, approved.

RE: EMPLOYEE MEDICAL BENEFITS

Auditor Hopf discussed the price increase for Teladoc Services through the new TPA. Cairnstone is currently working on contracting directly with Teladoc due to the significant increase proposed. Auditor Hopf discussed dermatology services available through Teladoc at a cost of \$75.00 per consultation. A review of claims information for 2018 did not indicate this additional service would be feasible. On motion made and seconded, the Commissioners decided against the dermatology services.

RE: FUTURE MEETING

The next Commissioners' meeting will be held on Monday, January 7, 2019, in the Commissioners/Council Room of the Courthouse Annex, beginning at 8:00 a.m.